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Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

March 6, 2009

Weather

Today
High: 76, Low: 54
Mostly sunny

Saturday
High: 76, Low: 56
Mostly sunny

Sunday
High: 75, Low: 57
Chance of showers

Monday
High: 72, Low: 58
Thunderstorms likely

News Briefs

ALS Reveille/Retreat

The latest Airman Leadership School class will be holding a class reveille ceremony on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in Smith Plaza. They will also be holding a retreat ceremony on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Smith Plaza.

Class 09-14 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-14 will hold their Track Select on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday.

Annual Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet will be March 11 at 6 p.m. Eighth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Sam E. Parish will be the guest speaker.

Inside

NEWS 4

The 14th SFS mourns the loss of an Airman.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, greets Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Commander, as he disembarks from a C-17 Globemaster March 2. The general was here as part of the AETC Commander's and Command Chief's Conference, which was held March 2-6. Over 100 senior leaders attended the conference.

CAFB hosts AETC commanders
and command chiefs conference

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The conference, which started Monday and lasted until today, is held twice a year to help senior leaders discuss current issues within the command and to study leadership.
“It's traditional to get commanders and their chiefs
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												IFF	42	43	1,254
Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen.Scott Hanson, deputy director, legislative liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.															

CMYK

Upcoming events highlight spring activities for families

Club membership drive

The Columbus Club is conducting a club membership drive and current members have an opportunity to earn extra entries into the drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card or two \$100 Visa gift cards. The drawing will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. at the club's Spirit Night. For more information about the club and membership benefits, contact the marketing office at 434- 2337.

Spring Fling egg hunt

This annual program is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon April 4 at Freedom Park. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The egg hunt is open to youth, ages 1 to 12. Carnival games, activities, demonstrations and more will be available. For more information call 434- 2504.

White water rafting trip

The outdoor adventure program offers this trip May 29-31 but the deadline to register is April 15 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, chalet lodging and meals on Saturday and rafting the middle river on the Ocoee. For more information, call 434-7861.

Bowling center spring break special

Bowl for 50 cents a game during Spring Break, March 16 to 20. Times available are all day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Special is available to ages 18 and younger. For more information call 434- 3577.

Spring Break day camp

The youth center offers a day camp from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Spring Break, March 16 to 20. Program is open to Kindergarten through sixth graders. Activities include skating, bowling, field trips, crafts, games and more. Register by March 6 at the youth center. Cost is based on total family income. Limited spaces are available. For more information call 434- 2504.

Summer day camp registration

The youth center's school age program begins registration for the summer day camp for school age children April 6. A \$10 deposit is required for each week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based on total family incom and all meals, entrance fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. There are limited spaces available. For more information, call 434-2504.

Instructors needed for youth mini-camps

The youth center is seeking instructors for mini camps for the summer. If you have a talent you would like to share with base

youth, contact the youth center by April 15. Camps may be three to five days in length. Instructors may charge a fee or provide camp for free. Camp registration will begin April 28 at the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

Play in the Air Force March Madness program

Pick up a game piece at the bowling center, Columbus Club or golf course. Go online to www.airforcemarchmadness.com and find out how to play. Grand prize is a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four Game which includes air, hotel, rental car, game tickets and \$1,000 in spending money - a \$6,000 value. Second place wins \$5,000, third place wins \$2,500, fourth place wins \$1,000 and fifth through ninth place finishers in the bracket contest receive an indoor arcade style basketball shooting game system. Participants must be an eligible user of nonappropriated fund facilities and 18 years or older at the time of entry. Only one game piece per person per visit are authorized and no purchase is necessary. To enter, register on-line using the code on the game piece to create your tournament bracket. You may register your on-line ID at that time however, brackets cannot be filled in until the games are announced on March 15, 2009. You have until the published tip-off time of the first 2009 tournament game March 19, 2009 to complete and/or make revisions to your game bracket(s). The exact deadline will be posted on the website when it is officially announced. When filling out brackets you will be asked to guess what you believe the final score of the championship game will be - this is the "Tiebreaker Question". All entry information, game brackets and answers to the tiebreaker question must be received by the close of the registration period. For more information, call 434-2337.

Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60 percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available. For more information, call 434-2507.

Monte Carlo night

The Columbus Club is offering this program starting at 6 p.m. March 21. Cost is \$10 for club members and \$20 for nonmembers. Purchase tickets or make reservations at the Columbus Club by March 17. Free hors d'oeuvres will be available from 6 to 7 p.m.

compliments of the Landings at Columbus. Cost includes \$500 in chips and re-buys are \$10 each. Over \$1,000 in prizes to bid on. For more information, call 434-2490.

Paintball grand opening

The paintball field grand opening will be at 9 a.m. March 14. More to follow. For more information, call 434- 2507.

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St. Patrick's Day pub crawl

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Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-7. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with 4 to a room. Cost includes transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

Base Level Photography Contest

The youth center offers this program to youth, ages 6 to 18 with judging and display of photographs from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. Competition will be in four age groups with categories of competition in color process, black and white, alternative process, digital and photo essay. Photographs must have been taken in the last year. Winning photos compete in regional competition. For more information call 434- 2504.

St. Patrick's Day Dance

The youth center offers this event for ages 13 to 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. March 14. Cost is \$1 for youth center members and \$3 for nonmembers. For more information call 434- 2504.

Youth Lock-In

Youth ages 9 to 12 are invited to participate in the youth lock-in scheduled from 9 a.m. March 13 until 7 a.m. March 14. Cost is \$10 per person. Must have at least 15 reg-

istered by March 10 to offer. For more information, call 434-2504.

AF Teen Aviation Camp

The deadline is March 13 to turn in an application to the youth center for this camp. Camp dates are May 30 to June 4 at the USAFA in Colorado Springs, Co. Program is open to high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2009. Applications are available at the Youth Center. Teens who participated in the 2008 camp are not eligible to apply. For more information, call 434-2504.

Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the lobby. Upcoming classes include making a tissue paper rainbow, a bug catcher, butterfly wind chimes, a shamrock necklace, a decorative Spring fence with flower pots, an Easter egg ornament and an Easter Bunny door wreath. Kids crafts classes are \$5 each and adult classes range from \$10 to \$20 depending on the class. The kids crafts can be purchased "to go" for just \$3. Parents provide the glue, markers and scissors. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

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Make it Better than You Found It

Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla

14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Have you ever looked around the base, your group, squadron, flight or element and saw something that just wasn't right?

For example, you walk outside and see cigarette butts all over the ground, or you see an Airman that needed a haircut for the last week or someone doesn't render the proper customs and courtesies, or the technical orders aren't completely being followed, or personnel aren't using the proper personnel protective equipment or the shop is dirty and disorganized ... this list can go on and on.

After seeing these things, did you wonder how these things were allowed to happen or how we ever got to the point where these things became routine or even acceptable? I know I have seen many of these things and have often wondered how we allowed things to get to this point. Did someone in charge actually say, "go ahead don't worry about following that technical order?"

In extremely rare circumstances, that conversation may have happened. But I think in most cases explicit permission was never given to not do the right thing. Somehow we arrived at a time where the things mentioned above were and are allowed to take place. So what happened to allow these things to degenerate?

The answer is nothing. Nothing happened!

The person threw the cigarette on the ground and three people witnessed the event but those people did nothing about it. The Airmen that needed a haircut

walked by fellow Airmen, officers and NCOs and these peers and superiors did nothing about it. These examples of doing nothing are endless and we have many excuses for doing nothing.

What many people do not understand is that by doing nothing they are actually implying that the inappropriate behavior is acceptable. Overtime that behavior becomes the norm instead of the exception.

My charge to you is stop doing nothing. Take a stand and confront the problems you have control over. Ask the person to pick up the cigarette butt, tell the Airman to get a haircut or stop the person who didn't render the proper customs and courtesies.

If you don't have control over something that is wrong, tell the person that does have the control. As the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, I've told many people, "I can't fix it if I don't know that it's broke."

Call in that broken window, leaking faucet, the door that doesn't close properly and it will get fixed. Stop doing nothing and you will be surprised at what happens.

Over time, if we all stop doing nothing the negative behaviors will stop and the right behaviors will start, take root and grow.

In a nutshell, resolve to do something. I guarantee if you continue to do something, you will make your community, base, group, squadron, flight and/or element better than you found it.

I can just about guarantee that if you choose to do nothing you will not be making it better. Instead, choose to do something, live life every day and have a goal to make it better than you found it.



Motorcycle spring spike focus

Spring is nearly upon us. The birds are returning north, flowers are beginning to blossom, and motorcyclists are pulling their motorcycles out of the garage after a long winter's nap.

The Air Force Safety Center conducted a study of motorcycle mishaps from FY06-08 and determined motorcycle fatal mishaps doubled in the spring over the winter season numbers. With this in mind, the Air Force Safety Center is conducting a "Spring Spike Focus" for all motorcyclists and their leadership. March 1st begins the "Spring Spike Focus" on motorcycle mishaps. Past fatal spring motorcycle mishaps indicate:

- The average fatal motorcycle mishap involved a male Airman between the ranks of A1C to SSgt with an average age of 28.
- Mishaps primarily occurred during the day, while operating a sport bike and speeding.
- Another significant factor was limited experience due to no training or license, or training and licensing for less than a year.

Riders can protect themselves by:

- Preparing yourself for getting back on the motorcycle; know that your skills aren't what they were when you put the bike in storage.

- Preparing your bike; preflight your equipment like you do on duty.
- Preparing your personal safety equipment; make sure you are protected against the unexpected.

- Realizing that car drivers are not used to seeing you—they will see you late or not at all.

Commanders, supervisors, and wingmen can help prepare riders by:

- Asking riders if they have pre-checked themselves and their bike.
- Talking to them about the hazards of the road.
- Helping inexperienced riders prepare for the season.

We can reduce motorcycle mishaps through concerted efforts of motorcyclists, unit motorcycle monitors, supervisors, first sergeants, and commanders. Enjoy the ride, but make sure you and your bike are up for the new riding season.



We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an "ambassador in blue." Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations. Be a role model in your community.

Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.

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Civilian Call date change
This months Civilian Call has been moved from March 20 to March 31 at 2 p.m.

Magnet School Lotteries soon
This fall, the Columbus Municipal School District will begin the second year of magnet schools; and as in last year, in order to be assigned to the theme of choice, parents and students must enter the lottery. School choice forms are available via several methods; they will be sent home with current CMSD students, at the CMSD Central Services Office on McArthur Drive, or at the CAFB School Liaison Office located in building 730, room 202A. CMSD officials urge parents to get their children signed up for the lottery early to ensure their children are placed in their first choice. In the past, upwards of 97 percent of students receive their first choice. The deadline for submitting lottery applications is March 27,at 4 p.m. The lottery for the 2009-10 school year will be conducted on April 17th. Additional information is available on the CMSD Website at www.columbuscityschools.org or you may contact the CAFB School Liaison at 434-2792.

Tax Services
H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

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Contemporary Movie Showings

Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available.
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Sense and Sensibility: April 30

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It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

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If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers
The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?
Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

Gas Mask Fit Test
Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Thrift Shop
The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.
The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Smooth Move Briefing
The next Smooth Move Briefing will be March 17 from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records and the Airman and Family Readiness Center during your move. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10 a.m. the day of the workshop. To register call 434-2790.

Pre-Deployment Brief
There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Wing Newcomer's Orientation
The Wing Newcomer's Orientation will be held Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived active duty members and civilians.

Job Skills Identification Workshop
The Job Skills Identification Workshop will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to

11 p.m. at the AFRC. Workshop assists individuals to identify their job skills and match skills to an employer. Call 434- 2790 for more information.

Lunch and Learn
The next Lunch and Learn will be held on March 13 and will focus on anger management in children. Bring your lunch, event starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 12 p.m.

Post-Deployment Brief
This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling
This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Budgeting Basics
This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other
Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Employment Workshop
There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic
Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Air Force's top enlisted Airman to retire

WASHINGTON — The Air Force chief of staff announced the pending retirement of the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force Feb. 26 here.
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley will retire this summer after serving for 30 years.
Chief McKinley has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006.

"Chief McKinley is an incomparable leader and an exemplary Airman," Gen. Norton Schwartz said. "He has devoted his entire adult life to our Air Force and to taking care of Airmen and their families. Chief McKinley has accomplished so much throughout his career, but as chief master sergeant of the Air Force he has made monumental contributions."
"I will always be an Airman," Chief McKinley said. "This time as chief master sergeant of the Air Force has been especially humbling for me. Everywhere I travel



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, shown here visiting troops at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, in October 2008, will remain as secretary of the Air Force under the new administration.

Secretary Donley to remain as SECAF

Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — White House officials announced Feb. 26 that Secretary Michael B. Donley will remain the secretary of the Air Force.
"I am very honored that the president and the secretary of Defense have asked me to continue in this capacity," Secretary Donley said. "It remains a privilege to serve the men and women of the world's finest Air Force."
Several other military civilian leaders also will remain at their assignments, creating continuity and stability for servicemembers.
"I am confident that these distinguished individuals have the commitment and expertise to help

around the globe, I see Airmen and their families sacrificing, striving and fighting for our Air Force, our great nation and its ideals.

"We've been involved in a momentous struggle against agents of terrorism," the chief said. "We have never faltered in our duty and every day we stamp out the wanton destruction terrorists would like to bring to our nation and our allies. It's been an honor and privilege for me to serve alongside the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who I am confident history will regard as some of the greatest warriors of all time."
A formal retirement ceremony for Chief McKinley and appointment for the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force is planned for June 30. The Air Force chief of staff selects the individual to fill the position of chief master sergeant of the Air Force.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley is set to retire June 30 after serving three years as the service's top enlisted Airman. He is the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force and will have completed 30 years of service to the Air Force.

Defense officials to allow photographs of caskets with family's permission

John J. Kruzel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials will allow the news media to photograph the flag-draped caskets of fallen U.S. troops returning home if their families agree, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Feb. 26.

The announcement authorizes family members to choose whether to allow media access to the homecomings at Dover Air Force Base, Del., reversing a long-standing policy barring the press.

"I have decided that the decision regarding media coverage of the dignified transfer process at Dover should be made by those most directly affected — on an individual basis — by the families of the fallen," he said.

"We ought not to presume to make that decision in their place," said Secretary Gates, who began reviewing the policy at the request of President Barack Obama.

The Defense Department's choice to shift course was informed by sources that include the military services and groups that represent military families, the secretary said.

But the issue created divisions within the department, Secretary Gates said, adding that he was rebuffed when he broached the topic last year, before reaching out more broadly during the most recent policy review.
"I had asked about changing the policy in Dover over a year ago

and, although when I got the response that I did — which recommended no change — I accepted that at the time," he said. "I must say I was never comfortable with it."

The secretary has appointed a group to quickly develop a plan to implement the policy, which reverses the restriction put in place by President George H.W. Bush in 1991.

Under the blanket restriction, the media has been barred from photographing the flag-draped caskets of about 3,850 U.S. service-members killed in action since 2001.

"I have tasked the working group to examine ways in which we might further assist the families of those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country," Secretary Gates said. He added that he expects the group to work under "short deadlines."

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agreed that military families deserve foremost consideration in dealing with such issues.

"We've seen so many families go through so much, and in that, they have been extraordinarily strong," Admiral Mullen said. "And meeting their needs, their requests in the most dignified, respectful, focused way we can was very much a driver for me in supporting this change."

"Because it is family-centric here more than anything else, I'm very, very supportive," he added.

14th SFS mourn loss of Airman

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The BLAZE Team lost one of its own February 26 when a military working dog assigned to the 14th Security Forces Squadron here passed away.

Rex, a 14th SFS narcotics detection and patrol military working dog, died from an unknown illness the evening of February 26. He served at Columbus Air Force Base since 2001.

“Rex dedicated his entire life to service of the United States, and he served honorably,” said Tech. Sgt. Jacob Hogan, 14th SFS kennel master. “He was a valued member of our Air Force family and he will be missed.”

Born in 1999, Rex joined the Air Force in 2001 and entered training at Lackland AFB, Texas. With the exception of a few brief stints with U.S. Customs monitoring U.S. borders, Rex spent his entire career assigned to Columbus AFB.

Rex served with nine handlers; his partner for the last year was Senior Airman Dustin Weeks, 14th SFS.

During his time as a MWD, Rex helped locate and seize numerous caches of narcotics. Some of his largest seizures include 84 pounds of cocaine, valued at \$3.1 million; 4,981 pounds of marijuana; 290 pounds of marijuana and a multitude of others.

March is National Nutrition Month

Trudy Glusenkamp
14th Medical Group Health
and Wellness Center

National Nutrition Month® is an annual nutrition education and information campaign held in March.

The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. This year's theme is “eat right.” Eating right and staying fit are important no matter what your age.

Help yourself to feel your best by making healthy food choices and being physically active every day. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Start with these recommendations from the American Dietetic Association.

- **Make Your Calories Count.** Think nutrient-rich rather than “good” or “bad” foods. The majority of your food choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients – and lower in calories. Making smart food choices can help you stay healthy and manage your weight.



- **Focus on Variety.** Eat a variety of foods from all the food groups to get the nutrients your body needs. Fruits and vegetables can be fresh, frozen or canned. Include more dark green vegetables such as leafy greens and broccoli, or orange vegetables like carrots and sweet potatoes. Vary your protein choices with more fish, beans and peas. And eat at least three ounces of whole grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice or pasta every day.
- **Know Your Fats.** Look for foods low in saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol to help reduce the risk of heart disease. Most of the fats you eat should be monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. Check the Nutrition

Facts panel on food labels for total fat and saturated fat.

- **Physical Activity for Fitness and Health.** Balancing physical activity and a healthy diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness. Set a goal to be physically active at least 30 minutes every day. You can break up your physical activity into 10 minute sessions throughout the day. If you are currently inactive, start with a few minutes of activity such as walking. Then gradually increase the minutes as you become stronger.

For more information contact Trudy Glusenkamp, the Health and Wellness Center dietitian at 434-2235.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Senior Airman Dustin Weeks, 14th Security Forces Squadron, poses with his partner Rex, a 14th SFS narcotics detection and patrol military working dog. Rex died from an unknown illness the evening of February 26. He served at Columbus Air Force Base since 2001.

Long distance land lording

Airman Elena Stoffe
14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

After a permanent change of station, the extra duty title of “landlord” has befallen many military members because of the downturn in the economy. Moreover, the current economy is causing the future of the housing market to look rather bleak.

Leasing a home can be a very stressful process, especially if you are a long distance landlord. If you are in this predicament, the legal office is here to help you.

Although the legal office cannot provide legal assistance for issues involving personal commercial enterprises, an exception is made when you are unable to sell your home and decide to rent it out.

According to a recent report put out by Realty Trac, foreclosure filings were up 81% percent in 2008 as compared to 2007 and up more than 225 percent since 2006, which means that the falling home prices, in addition to the flood of bank-owned homes to the market, will continue to make selling a home difficult.

If you are leasing a home, please consider hiring an accountant, property manager or real estate expert to assist you. There are many tax implications and other pitfalls to owning a rental home, but these are also possible tax benefits. These experts provide an array of services and, most importantly, peace of mind. If you decide to not hire a professional, please be sure to keep excellent records – accurate and detailed recordkeeping may keep you out of legal and tax trouble.

The legal office is ready to assist in reviewing your lease as well as to provide any other practical pointers to make the job of being a landlord a bit easier.

In addition, the Automated Housing Referral Network, sponsored by the Department of Defense, is a great resource that allows you to find these professionals, post your home on the site for rent or sale and locate homes to buy or rent. The AHRN specializes in helping service members. Visit <http://www.ahrn.com/> for more information.

Also, given the many financial issues that are plaguing so many homeowners, there are a few common sense lessons to know if you are considering buying a home.

If you are in the market to buy a home, keep in mind that you might not be able to sell it upon your PCS. You will then be forced to make two house payments until you can locate a renter. Also, at the time you purchase the home look to the future and determine if you will be able to charge a reasonable rent to cover your mortgage payments.

It is also smart to buy on the basis of one income. In the current economy, the ability of your spouse to find a job at your next base may be a struggle which could hurt your ability to make your mortgage payment if you cannot rent the home.

On the positive side, the glut of houses on the market has made it a favorable market for would-be renters. Military attorneys may review lease agreements to protect service members' interest so if you are considering renting a home, the legal office is here for you as well.

Military members and their dependents can bring a copy of their lease to the legal office and have it checked for legal sufficiency. Service members will not normally be penalized should they receive PCS orders or go on a deployment or TDY lasting 90 days or more and need to end the contract, but service members should always ensure that there is a clause for these situations in their lease agreement.

To make an appointment to discuss these matters or any other legal issues please contact the Columbus Air Force Base Legal office at (662) 434-7030.

Columbus Pilgrimage 10k Run: The Columbus Pilgrimage 10K Run will be held April 4 at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and Museum. The race will wind through the Southside Historic District, Mississippi State University for Women and along the river walk. Registration is from 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m., the race begins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$17 if post marked before March 28, or \$20 on race day. For more information please contact 327-7688.

MUW to Offer Music Therapy Program: Mississippi University for Women is hosting a Music Therapy Play Day on March 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event is sponsored by Mu Theta Chi, the music therapy club at MUW. The event is free and open to school-aged children with special needs and their parents. Participants will be involved in music

making activities such as singing, instrument playing, instrument making and music and movement. The event is limited to 25 participants. At least one parent/guardian/caregiver must accompany each participant. For more information contact Carmen Osburn, director of music therapy, at (662) 241-7897 or email cosburn@as.muw.edu.

St. Patrick's Day 5k/One Mile Fun Run: The 2009 St. Patrick's Day Fun Run will be held at 9 a.m. March 14. The race will start at the Lake Lowndes State Park. The entry fee is \$15 before race-day and \$20 on the day of the race. For more information please call 328-2110.

Grilling on the River '09: Grilling on the River '09 will be held March 20-21, 2009, along the Columbus River walk at Rubens Fish and Steak House, 171 Moores Creek Road. The event will ben-

efit the Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society. Gates open on Friday, March 20th, 2009 at 4:00pm-11:00pm, and on Saturday, March 21st, 2009 from 10:00am-6:00pm. To enter as a team, judge, or for more information, please contact Harvey Myrick, event coordinator, at (662) 328-6850 or email at grilling@bellsouth.net.

Library Book Sale: On Thursday and March 14 The Friends of the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library need about 20 volunteers to help on Thursday and Friday with their library book sale. On Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., help is needed to load boxes/cartons of books from the library storage area, at the back of the library, into a truck for transport to Leigh Mall. Dollies and hand trucks will be available. Then, opening the boxes and placing the books on the appropriate tables. The books have been

sorted and placed in boxes marked with the correct categories. Plus, there will be volunteers to direct the distribution of the books. On Saturday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., help is needed to remove unsold books from the tables and packing the books in boxes. You must be at least 15 years of age and be able to be able to lift boxes filled with books and carry them a short distance to be loaded on the truck. Of course, the work would not be appropriate for anyone with a limiting medical condition or physical condition. Some women help with this task, but that certainly depends on the individual and her physical abilities.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Solid Oak roll top desk, \$500. Bedroom dresser with mirror, 6 drawer chest, and 2 drawer night stand, \$150. Call 352-1378.

For sale: Motorcycle jacket, Dainese Italian Leather motorcycle jacket. Gladiator Model, paid \$450 new, Size 52 Euro/42 US. Has removable shoulder, back pads, excellent condition, \$150. Call 501-773-4013.

For sale: Mirrors – 30X36" \$30.00, 24X36" \$25.00, 20X36" \$20.00, 18X68"\$20.00 or all for \$80.00. Large music stand \$25.00. Small music stand \$3.00. Health rider exercise bike \$100.00. Dutch oven w/ lid \$25.00. 2 iron skillets 10.5" & 10.58" \$10.00 ea. Please call 328-3977.

For sale: Men's Enlisted Mess Dress

– 42-44 regular coat, 34-35" waist pants. All buttons, cummerbund, bow tie, and suspenders included along with some spares. The uniform is only 3 years old and has only been worn 10 times. All for only \$225. Please contact me at 570-1373 or 497-0646.

For sale: Size 2 pink prom dress from Southern wedding, worn once, \$150 OBO. 27" floor model console TV with swivel base & remote. Stands 33" tall, 32" wide, 19" deep, \$75. Call (662) 356-0280.

For sale: 2008 Sony STR-DE197 FM/AM 100W Amp w/ video inputs, \$30, 2005 Samsung Digital Home Theater System (HT-DS610) w/ 5 disc changer, \$50, Steel Warn Winch Bumper fits '95-'00 Chevy/GM Truck/Tahoe, \$75. Men's Mess Dress 33 pants, 40-42 Jacket, shirt, \$75. Call Chris 434-7269

For sale: 50 cal. black powder ky rifle, \$200 OBO. Used golf clubs-\$3 each. Casio Keyboard MT-240-\$25. Flat screen pc monitor- \$10. Call 328-4374 for more information.

For sale: Southeastern Conference (SEC) Basketball Tournament, 12-15 March 2009, Tampa, FL. Two (2) books granting access to all games, \$300/EA, face value. Call 662-295-8768.

Transportation

For sale: Motorycle, 06' Ducati Paul Smart Replica, 1.4k, Limited Edition, Showroom Condition w/ lots of extras, Full Termignoni Exhaust. \$10,750 obo. Call 501-773-4013.

For sale: Car, 00' Honda Civic SI. 136K, great condition, 18" rims, low profile tires, Carbon Hood, Full Exhaust/Air Filter, \$4500 obo. Call 501-773-4013.

For sale: Boat Motor, Briggs & Stratton, 5hp, Outboard, Camo Boat Engine. Paid \$1200 new. Used twice, excellent Condition. Comes w/ Fuel tank and Stand. \$750. Call 501-773-4013.

Homes

For sale: 16' X 80' 2005 Clayton trailer, all kitchen apparel, vinyl siding, shingle roof, like new condition, \$23,000, located in Starkville. Call (228) 326-0219 or (601) 916-0111.

For Sale By Owner: 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, Custom home, 4BR,

3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF on 2.8 acres, wired shop – \$295,700. See on Yahoo Real Estate. Call 662-889-3974.

For Sale By Owner: 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, Custom home, 4BR, 3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF on 2.8 acres, wired shop. Reduced. \$288,700. See on Yahoo Real Estate. Call 662-889-3974.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

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Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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MSU AF ROTC tours base



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Billy Songer, an instructor with Lear Siegler Services, Inc., explains the T-6 Texan II simulator to his son, Cadet Brad Songer, a freshman in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Mississippi State University, during a MSU AF ROTC tour of Columbus Air Force Base Feb. 27.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 60 B L A Z E T E A M members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Registrar, bookstore have relocated

The Registrar and Bookstore are no longer in the OSS building. The offices are now located in the 14th Operations Group building, Suite 107. Through the glass double doors where the old coffee shop and barber shop were located.

Be Responsible: Don't Drink and Drive

Columbus Air Force Base AETC Level award winners

Capt. Christine R. Littlejohn, 14th Operations Support Squadron, won the Air Education and Training Command level Col. Derrel L. Demspey Officer of the Year Award. Captain Littlejohn led Columbus airfield and air traffic control support for 60,000 yearly sorties and 85,000 hours at the Air Force's number one sortie producer. In addition, she deployed to Kirkuk as a flight commander for six months.

Terminal Instrument Procedures Specialist of the Year: William Mathis, 14th OSS, was named the AETC Terminal Instrument Procedures Specialist of the Year. Mr. Mathis meticulously maintained over 43 flight procedures, nine charts and an obstacle datable with over 51,000 points. His efforts have allowed civilian and military operations to remain 100 percent safe.

AETC IG team to visit 14th MSG/MDG

The Air Education and Training Command Inspector General team will be sending three personnel here March 16-20 for a limited-notice compliance inspection of the 14th Mission Support Group and 14th Medical Group. The base point-of-contact for the visit is Lt. Col. Michael Dilda, 14th MSG deputy commander.

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Airmen assist with 2009 ESPN Bassmaster Classic

Senior Airman Allison Boehm
2nd Bomb Wing

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — The 2009 ESPN Bassmaster Classic allowed several Barksdale Air Force Base Airmen to reel-in a piece of the action Feb. 20 through 22 here.

Several bass enthusiasts and the Barksdale Hawgherders Bass Club participated in the classic, which brought 137,700 people to the Shreveport, La., area for what is referred to as the Super Bowl of fishing.

Twenty Airmen arrived to the Bossier City, La., CenturyTel Center Feb. 20 to represent the armed forces during the opening of the weigh-in. To their surprise, they were included in the televised ceremony and asked to march onstage as the Barksdale AFB honor guard presented the colors.

"Having the audience roar as we march into CenturyTel Center was awesome," said Capt. Jason Simmons, assigned to the 608th Air Force Network Operations Center. "I really felt proud to be leading in Airmen from Barksdale. Afterward, we stuck around and watched weigh-ins and even my wife, Maj. Melissa Simmons, started getting excited as each angler put his bounty of five fish onto the scales."

As the servicemembers marched onto the arena floor, the entire stadium, filled with nearly 8,000 people, jumped to their feet for a standing ovation. The honor guard then

followed and Senior Airman Chonte Walker, of the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, sang the national anthem.

Members from ESPN along with a group of their distinguished visitors had also expressed interest in visiting Barksdale AFB and the Airmen while in town. They spent Feb. 21 at the Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club on base, coordinated by Paul Williamson, the 2nd Force Support Squadron outdoor recreation manager, and had the opportunity to both shoot and talk with Airmen from various squadrons on base.

"Many Americans forget that Airmen, too, carry arms in combat, as many are doing today," said Captain Simmons, who came out to the range to meet the group. "A group of avid Airmen shooters, focused on shotgun shooting, joined the ESPN crews and gave them tips as we showed some first time shooters the tricks of the trade. It was fun teaching them as well as shooting down some clays myself."

After a few hours at the range, ESPN officials came to Barksdale AFB to see a static of a B-52 Stratofortress. Capt. Jerry Reynolds, a B-52 instructor aircraft commander from the 93rd Bomb Squadron, and a couple crew chiefs went over the capabilities of the aircraft and answered questions.

The Hawgherders also participated in all three days of the tournament.

Master Sgt. Brian Nelson, the 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant weapons flight chief and Hawgherders presi-

dent, contacted the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority as soon as he found out the classic would be held in the local area and requested the opportunity to do some volunteer work.

"For the 2009 classic, seven of our members volunteered to be camera or media boat operators," Sergeant Nelson said. "All seven were selected."

While volunteering for the tournament, the Hawgherders were positioned in various locations with some being able to go out on a boat with a professional angler to serve as an official observer. Several of the volunteers also provided their own boats to be on the Red River, where the tournament was held.

"Camera boat drivers supplied their own boat and were paired with a cameraman from JM Production Company hired by ESPN," Sergeant Nelson said. "Camera boat drivers and cameramen worked together all week and followed different anglers throughout the weekend. Camera boat operators followed the anglers down to their favorite fishing areas as far away as 60 miles south on the Red River, a very cold run with morning temperatures below freezing."

The members who volunteered as camera boat operators were also able to shadow the professional fisherman.

The Airmen were given very prestigious and much desired positions being able to follow the professional fisherman.

"I followed Kota Kiriama, Aaron Martens and Dave Wolak and of course saw

dozens of others on the water," Sergeant Nelson said. "On day two, Steve Reneau covered Kim Bain-Moore, the first woman to ever fish the Classic. Skeet Reese, Mike Iaconelli, Edwin Evers, Brian Snowden, Kelly Jordan, Jamie Fralick and many others were all filmed from our boats."

Master Sgt. Gregory Korkose, the 2nd Bomb Wing Safety superintendent of weapons safety and the Hawgherders secretary, was a camera boat operator for the tournament, and was also able to follow a professional fisherman each day.

Although the volunteering Hawgherders arrived around 5:15 a.m. each morning and left around 5 p.m., they were able to take something away from the experience.

"The overall best part was being able to meet all the professionals and learning from them," Sergeant Korkoske said. "My favorite part of the event was during the launch. All the pros were tied up to the docks and I had access to talk to my favorites as they geared up prior to take off. I was able to get autographs from all of my favorite professionals."

Sergeant Nelson echoed his sentiments, calling it an experience of a lifetime.

"As a fan of bass fishing, this was an incredible experience," he said. "It is incomprehensible how much goes into producing an event of this magnitude. It is truly the Super Bowl of bass fishing."

Mr. Reese won the classic with his catch over three days totally 54 pounds and 13 ounces.

Sports Shorts

Thursday Golf Scrambles: Starting March 19, Nine-hole scramble play will begin at 4:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop by 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 plus greens fees. Team format — teams selected by pro shop staff.

Traveling softball and Baseball: Registration dates for traveling softball and baseball runs until March 13, for ages 8-15 only. Games will be played against teams from the surrounding area and will be held at off base locations. Pre-season practices start April 6 and go until April 17, games start on the 18. Sports physicals are due no later than April 6. For more information please contact Brittany Rogers, youth sports director, at 434-2504.

Beginners golf clinic: There will be a beginner's golf clinic April 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Only \$5 per person, come learn the fundamentals. If you have clubs bring them, if not, we will provide what you need. For more information, call 434-7932.

Youth spring soccer: Season opening is March 23 at the youth soccer field.

British soccer camp: Registration is going on now for ages 3 to 18. Register online at www.challengersports.com. Camp dates are June 1 to 5. Costs vary according to age and sessions. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Wednesday Intramural Basketball Scores

37/41 FTS	52 L	14 CES	65 W
48 FTS	75 W	14 CS	46 L
50 FTS	54 L	DYN	70 W

Long Term Events

Mar. 26 - ALS Graduation
Mar. 27 - Enlisted Promotions

Mar. 28 - Women's Health Care Fair @ Base Clinic
Apr. 3 - Class 09-07 Graduation



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
BLAZE Team members help unload luggage from a C-17 after its arrival at CAFB March 2. The Globemaster was at Columbus to drop off attendees of the AETC Commander's and Command Chief's Conference.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, presents Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW commander, with a special recognition award for the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron March 3 at the Columbus Club.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing, walks with Command Chief Master Sgt. Brye McMillon, Air University command chief master sergeant, as he disembarks from a C-17 Globemaster upon his arrival to Columbus Air Force Base March 2.

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“It’s traditional to get commanders and their chiefs together, through out all the military services, so they can discuss policies and issues,” said Gen. Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander. The general also said these conferences are important because it gives leaders a chance to present their vision to their subordinates and to receive feedback from them in turn.

Throughout the week, the commanders participated in group discussions, briefings and social gatherings. Briefings ranged from evolving personnel issues, future plans for the Air Force and a network security presentation by Gen. Kevin Chilton, commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presented a briefing on Columbus’ School Liaison program to the group. Columbus is one of the few Air Force bases that has a full time liaison between Airman and their families and the local school systems.

In addition, the leaders got the chance to hear the perspectives of the commands top officer and enlisted members – General Lorenz, and AETC Command Chief Master Sgt.



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As part of the leadership study, the group spent the day at the Shiloh Battlefield in Tennessee. Gen Lorenz believes while technology may change the tools of our trade, the human element of leadership remains the same through time.

Relationships between leaders are as important aspect of leadership today as they where during the Civil War, attendees on the trip said. Leaders will be doomed to repeat the past if they do not learn from it. This is one of the objectives of this leadership conference.

“Communication is key to efficient leadership”, remarked Chief Master Sgt. Rich Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant after the Shiloh staff trip. “The inability of leaders at Shiloh to effectively communicate down the lines of the battlefield created chaos. A lesson true for today.”

While here, General Lorenz re-enlisted Staff Sgt. Joshua Jones, the truly “local” Air Force recruiter. Sergeant Jones is a 2001 graduate of New Hope High school in Lowndes County. General Lorenz also visited the local Mississippi State University Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment and taught the afternoon ROTC

class.

“Our cadets are very excited about General Lorenz’ visit,” remarked Lt. Col. Terry Dickensheet, Professor of Aerospace Studies at Mississippi State, and ROTC Detachment 425 commander. “To have an active duty four-star general visit and teach at our detachment is truly an honor.”

(Editors note: Look for an article relaying an interview with General Lorenz in next week’s issue of Silverwings).



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
An Air Force chef prepares lunch for over 100 senior leaders during their tour to the Shiloh Battlefield March 4.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
A U.S. park ranger gives a tour to over 100 senior leaders during their visit to the historical Shiloh Battlefield March 4. They were on the tour as part of the AETC Commander's and Command Chief's Conference.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Melissa Duncan
Gen. Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander, briefs over 100 senior leaders during the AETC Commander's and Command Chief's Conference March 3.

